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Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
C4F	Fair Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5F	Low Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C1R	Choice Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C2R	Fine Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C3R	Good Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4R	Fair Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5R	Low Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3M	Good Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4M	Fair Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5M	Low Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3G	Good Quality Green Thin Leaf. Underripe, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4G	Fair Quality Green Thin Leaf. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5G	Low Quality Green Thin Leaf. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3650 Lugs (X Group).

This group consists of leaves that normally grow on the lower portions of the stalk. Leaves of the X group usually have a high degree of maturity and show ground and other injury characteristic of the group.

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
X1L	Choice Quality Light-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2L	Fine Quality Light-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3L	Good Quality Light-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4L	Fair Quality Light-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5L	Low Quality Light-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1F	Choice Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2F	Fine Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3F	Good Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4F	Fair Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5F	Low Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1R	Choice Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Ripe, medium body, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2R	Fine Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Ripe, medium body, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3R	Good Quality Reddish-brown Lugs.

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Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
	Mature, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4R	Fair Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5R	Low Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3D	Good Quality Dark-brown Lugs. Mature, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4D	Fair Quality Dark-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5D	Low Quality Dark-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3M	Good Quality Mixed Lugs. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4M	Fair Quality Mixed Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5M	Low Quality Mixed Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3G	Good Quality Green Lugs. Underripe, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4G	Fair Quality Green Lugs. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5G	Low Quality Green Lugs. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3651 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lower grade of any other group except Scrap.

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Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
N1L	First Quality Light-colored Nondescript. Thin to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2L	Second Quality Light-colored Nondescript. Thin to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R	First Quality Dark-colored Nondescript. Thin to heavy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R	Second Quality Dark-colored Nondescript. Thin to heavy body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2G	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript. Over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3652 Scrap (S Group).

A byproduct of stemmed and unstemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

Grades	Grade name and specifications
S	Scrap. Loose, tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves; or the web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

§ 29.3676 Summary of standard grades.

6 Grades of Wrappers					
A1F	A1R				
A2F	A2R				
A3F	A3R				
21 Grades of Heavy Leaf					
B1F	B1R	B1D			
B2F	B2R	B2D			
B3F	B3R	B3D	B3M	B3G	
B4F	B4R	B4D	B4M	B4G	
B5F	B5R	B5D	B5M	B5G	
21 Grades of Thin Leaf					
C1L	C1F	C1R			
C2L	C2F	C2R			
C3L	C3F	C3R	C3M	C3G	
C4L	C4F	C4R	C4M	C4G	
C5L	C5F	C5R	C5M	C5G	
24 Grades of Lugs					
X1L	X1F	X1R			